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In re Application of:
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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions for an extension of time of two months to and including April 7, 2006 in which to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated December 7, 2005.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$3040.00 is enclosed, which includes the process fee (\$225.00) for a two month extension of time.

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